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Top Dog Edition



Star-studded "Hero Dog Awards Gala Luncheon" will Honor our Four Pawed Heroes

**Upcoming events** 

Dear Friends,

For seven years I have honored America's bravest heroes on both ends of the leash through my sponsorship of the annual American Humane Hero Dog Awards® in Los Angeles. I am delighted to tell you that some of these heroic dogs and a number of the entertainment world's biggest names are coming to Palm Beach for the exclusive, annual, star-studded "Hero Dog Awards Gala Luncheon" at the Mar-a-Lago Club on Wednesday, March 8.

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Wednesday, March 8

American Humane Luncheon

The Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach

Tickets \$325

Saturday, December 2

LIFE's 24<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lady in Red"
"Over the Moon" Gala
The Mar a Lago Club, Palm Beach

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Four of the nation's top Hero Dog Awards winners will be honored, including:

- **Hooch**, who was terribly abused but whose spirit of forgiveness led him to serve as a therapy dog for abused, autistic, and special needs children, helping them with great gentleness, patience and kindness. For his heroism and good works, Hooch was named the American Hero Dog of 2016.
- Mango, a paralyzed rescue who was homeless, hit by a car, and scheduled for euthanasia, and who now, with the help of a tiny wheelchair, helps inspire disabled veterans with physical disabilities. For her work and bravery, Mango was named the nation's Therapy Dog of the Year.
- **Hook,** the country's Hearing Dog of the Year, is a tiny, 12-pound, 10-year-old dog who goes almost everywhere with his handler. Three years ago the pair was in downtown Sacramento crossing a street when a train came. Hook pulled her from the track and the train missed her by a foot. Another time a prowler broke into her office and Hook chased him away.
- Gander was rescued from a Colorado shelter and trained as a service dog, going on to save the life of a veteran suffering from invisible but deadly wounds of war. He travels the United States to teach people about preventing veteran suicide and has raised a million dollars for veterans' groups, veterans, service dog charities, and individuals in need. For his lifesaving work, Gander was named Service Dog of the Year.

Also on in attendance at the luncheon will be Patton, a "Goldendoodle" (a mix of a Golden Retriever and Poodle), the offspring of American military hero service dogs. Named for the legendary General George S. Patton, one of the greatest military men in U.S. history, Patton is the Palm Beach Ambassador for American Humane my close companion.

In addition to the four-footed stars, a veritable galaxy of human ones will also be in attendance, including Hero Dog Awards co-hosts Beth Stern and James Denton, American Idol star Katharine McPhee, and the renowned Alex Donner Orchestra.

I do hope you will join me for this very special day as we honor these four incredible courageous canines.

With Love,

Lois

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